

A NEW COMBINATION IN *LUCILIA* (COMPOSITAE—INULEAE)

Lucilia pusilla (Kunth) Hieron. (1900) is the generally accepted name for a small, caespitose herb from the high Andes of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru. While working on a nomenclator of *Conyza* (Compositae—Astereae), I found that its basionym *Conyza pusilla* Kunth (1818) is illegitimate, being a later homonym of *C. pusilla* Houtt. (1779) from South Africa. De Candolle changed the name of *Conyza pusilla* Kunth to *C. kunthiana* DC. (1836). Since under article 55.1 of the 1983 International Code of Botanical Nomenclature the specific epithet of the former correct name must be retained on generic transferences, the correct name for this species in *Lucilia* is *L. kunthiana* (DC.) Zardini, comb. nov.

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Based on *Conyza kunthiana* DC., Prodr. 5: 379. 1836 (new name for *C. pusilla* Kunth). *Gnaphalium kunthianum* (DC.) Kuntze, Revis. Gen. Pl. 3(2): 152. 1898. *Conyza pusilla* Kunth, Nov. Gen. Sp. 4: 69. 1818, non *C. pusilla* Houtt. (1779). *Lucilia pusilla* (Kunth) Hieron., Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 29: 29. 1900; Freire, Darwiniana 27: 482. 1986. TYPE: Ecuador: in Andean region, *Humboldt & Bonpland s.n.* (P holotype; P isotype, B isotype photograph F 15128).

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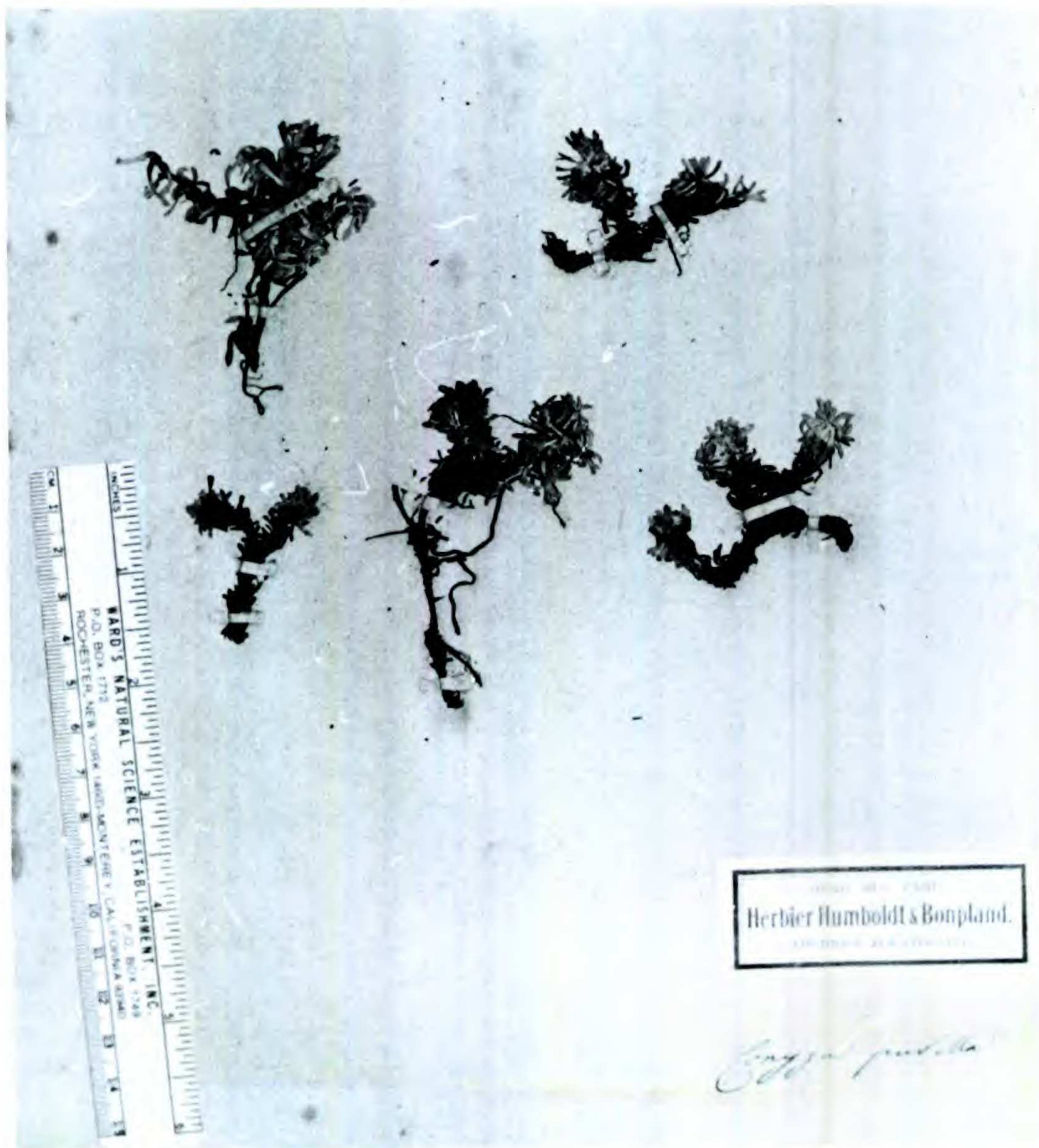


FIGURE 1. Holotype of *Conyza pusilla* Kunth (P, photograph Zardini n. 1036, MO).